

### Thanksgiving 2020

### **"A LOT OF ANXIETY"** How your support brought this family help during COVID-19.



ne moment, Steve and Fancy had two jobs, and life was humming along just fine for the young couple and their two boys, ages 3 and 5.

The next moment — because of COVID-19 — Fancy was unemployed and Steve's job was cut significantly, from 30 hours a week to 12.

"A lot of anxiety," says Fancy. "A real setback," adds Steve. "It really put us behind."

But thanks to your support, Steve and Fancy and their kids had a place to turn at Crossroads Mission Avenue. They've been staying in a family unit, waiting till the pandemic ends and, hopefully, life returns to some semblance of normal.

Until then, they're grateful for the support they've received at Crossroads — food, shelter, medications, help with childcare, and spiritual and emotional support.

"When COVID-19 happened, I was depressed and anxious because I was worried about money, that we wouldn't be able to save for our own place," says Fancy. "But then, if COVID-19 didn't happen, we wouldn't be blessed the way we've been."

"I believe everything happens for a reason, and we are where we are for a reason. I try to see the light in every situation, and that's where Crossroads has really helped. They've helped me get closer to God."



Because of you, this young family is counting their blessings. Thank you!

Steve ultimately got his old job back, working full-time on the overnight shift, and making a little more money than he had before. He and Fancy are hopeful that they'll be able to move into their own home soon. Until then, they're counting their blessings.

"I'm so thankful for Crossroads," says Steve. "They've been an incredible support, spiritually and emotionally."

Thanks to the support of friends like you, Steve and Fancy were able to find light in a dark situation due to COVID-19. Thank you!

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From the Executive Director Jerry Bumgardner

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

— Jeremiah 29:11

When I announced in 2019 that I planned to retire this year, there's no way I could've guessed what 2020 would bring — and certainly not a pandemic!

But I'm incredibly proud of the way our team has handled it. I was already confident I'd be leaving Crossroads in good hands. And now, after seeing the way our staff has risen to the occasion, I'm even more confident.

Daniel Buller will thrive in his new role as executive director. We've worked for a full year on this transition, and he's more than ready to lead. He will continue with the faith-based focus we've always had for this ministry.

Thank you so much for your support during my time here. I pray you'll continue your support with Daniel taking the wheel.

In His service,

Jury Dimearcher

Jerry Bumgardner Executive Director



During these unprecedented times, we are giving thanks for donations of much-needed food and goods from local neighbors and community partners. Thank you!

# A PANDEMIC THANKSGIVING

f there's one thing we've learned while dealing with COVID-19, it's that people have remained caring, thoughtful and generous.

You, the donor at home, have continued to give. And here in our community, neighbors and partners have provided desperately needed food and essential items — and often just in the nick of time, when we'd be running low on something.

This Thanksgiving season, we are exceedingly grateful for plenty of reasons — starting with you. Here are just a few thank-you notes from our team and guests:

"I'm thankful for the Crossroads staff who genuinely care about the people they serve." - Merle, volunteer "I am thankful that Crossroads has always been there for me when I needed help the most. They have always loved me through my circumstances." - Shawn, guest "I am thankful that Crossroads is able to share the gospel with people in their time of need. - Al, staff member "I am most thankful for our quests at the Mission, and that God provides for all of us." - Sarah, staff member

## My Thanksgiving Gift

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